

## The Restore Onshore Energy Production Act Rep. Matt Rosendale

Despite the vast energy resources in the United States, since his first day on the job President Biden's anti-energy policies have disrupted domestic oil and gas production. Gas prices have continued to rise for Americans since Joe Biden took office. In spite of rising energy costs, the Biden administration continues to slow walk necessary oil and gas permits and has issued *zero* new onshore or offshore leases. Biden's actions have stymied America's energy potential and left us vulnerable to foreign adversaries.

Relying on Russia and other adversaries to meet energy demand has had devastating consequences, as the war in Europe continues to threaten global security and economic stability. The U.S. has vast energy resources that are critically needed at home and abroad. To lower American energy prices and support our allies abroad, Congress must take immediate action to remove barriers to development of domestic oil and gas production.

By ignoring the law requiring quarterly lease sales and refusing to hold a single lease sale on federal lands, the Biden administration effectively cancelled up to 45 onshore lease sales in eligible states. Regular leasing is critical to continuing production. If the Biden administration had not frozen leasing on their first day in the White House, new production could be occurring today. This bill immediately restarts the onshore leasing program and requires replacement sales when a sale is missed.

## **Major provisions:**

- Immediately resumes oil and gas lease sales on eligible federal lands.
- Requires a minimum of four lease sales per year in each state with lands eligible for oil and gas leasing, in accordance with existing requirements under the Mineral Leasing Act.
- Requires a replacement sale shall in the same fiscal year if a lease sale is missed for any reason.
- Prohibits future leasing moratoria or significant delays without congressional approval.

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